

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed November 19, 2003, the shortened statutory period for filing a response expiring on February 19, 2004. In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant initially wishes to extend his gratitude for the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6, representing all pending claims, would be allowable if rewritten to overcome several rejections for informalities under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and for the Examiner's courtesies exhibited in his telephone discussion with the undersigned of February 19, 2004. Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner and has corrected additional errors not specifically noted by the Examiner, but which Applicant's cooperation in revising was solicited. Such changes have been made for the sake of clarity. No new matter has been added in the making of the present claim amendments.

Applicant has provided an abstract on a separate sheet of paper attached to this Amendment as requested by the Examiner. Applicant has also provided a replacement sheet for Fig. 6 in conformance with the draftsman's requirements.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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